

California Council of EMS Educators
Quarterly Meeting No. 4-Minutes
Care Ambulance Service, Inc.
Orange, CA
October 10, 2007

Attendees: Robert Lashier (C2E2 Chair); Sean Trask (EMSA); Karen Petrilla (Riverside County EMS Agency); Jim Karras (Priority One Ambulance); Elaine Dethlefsen (Santa Ana College); Patti Haley (College of the Canyons); Kelly Lazarus (Santa Barbara County EMS); Erika Reich (LA County EMS); Ginger Fallesen (LA County ROP); Adrian Rodriguez (Care Ambulance); Mary Jo Vincent (Orange County EMS- Retired); Mark Komins (Ventura County Fire Department); Lucy Adams (LA County EMS); Linn Karmelich (Tri-Counties ROP);

	TOPIC	ACTION/ACCOUNTABILITY
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Robert Lashier called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Robert thanked Care Ambulance for hosting the meeting, and EMSA for sending Sean Trask to the meeting. Self introductions around the table.</p> <p>The Agenda was changed- the Consent Calendar was moved up before the Discussion, due to members sometimes having to leave after lunch, causing the committee to lose its quorum.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Sean and Robert gave an overview of the Director's Advisory Group, and its purpose to discuss and deal with a host of issues, including EMS education. This group meets quarterly, and Robert has been attending them. Attendees include; EMSA, CAA, ENA, EMSAAC, EMDAC, P.O.S.T, C2E2, to name a few. Robert felt that C2E2's visibility is very important with this group.</p>	

Discussion	<p><u>EMSA Report-provided by Sean Trask:</u></p> <p>BLS Coordinator- Laura Little was appointed as the new BLS Coordinator in May 2007. She has been with EMSA for ten years, working in the Childcare Unit and IT. Laura will be an asset to the Personnel Unit.</p> <p>AED Regulations – Under revision to remove the requirement for the medical director to authorize each user to use the AED, which will be consistent with current statute. Other “clean up” language included removing minimum hours, and moved notification requirement to the vendor area. These went out for pre-public comment, and will now go out for public comment.</p> <p>EMT-II Regulations- The draft regulation chapter is currently under internal review; EMSA has until Jan. 2008 to implement. Dr. Cesar wants to have the regulations more consistent with National Scope of Practice, which would mean adding IOs and analgesics. EMSA is not sure what to do with current EMT-IIs (360 hours).</p> <p>EMT-P Regulations- Under revision to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish fines for disciplinary cases.• Allow for a paramedic student to take their NR skills test after didactic and lab sessions.• Allow for the NR test results to be good for two years to apply for licensure, currently it’s only good for one year. <p>Regulations went out for public comment and are going to go to EMS Commission in December for approval. If AB 941 is signed, fines may have to be removed for Commission approval due to changes to the violations</p>	
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section of the Health and Safety Code.

Dr. Cesar met with the EMS Medical Directors regarding the King LT Airway. They agreed to allow this airway under the local scope for paramedics in order to gather data on its efficacy. If the data supports the airway, it may be added to the EMT-I and EMT-II scopes of practice. Ordinarily data is not collected with local optional scope items, but the medical directors agreed to collect data to see if it is an effective airway instead of going through a trial study.

Private Post Secondary Schools- The sunset clause has ended.

Assembly Bill 941- This bill is currently on the Governor's desk. It has until October 12, 2007 to be signed, vetoed or no action taken. This bill will:

- Require EMSA to develop and maintain a central registry of EMT-Is and EMT-IIIs and paramedics.
- Require EMSA to set standards for DOJ and FBI criminal background checks for EMT-Is and EMT-IIIs.
- Allow an "authorized EMS provider" to certify and discipline EMT-Is and EMT-IIIs along with the LEMSAs.
- Requires authorized EMS providers to notify their LEMSA of initiating investigation and notify the LEMSA of the outcome of that investigation. The LEMSA may impose additional discipline if they want.
- Amends violations of the H&SC. Removes commission of any fraudulent, dishonest or corrupt act and irrational behavior. Adds a number of drug violations, and impersonating an EMS provider.
- Allows a LEMSA to refer all of their disciplinary cases to EMSA.
- Requires EMSA to develop eight sets of guidelines and revise four

chapters of regulations.

- Goes into effect immediately.

Systems

- EMSC's annual conference is November 8th in Anaheim, CA.
- EMSC has two documents out for public comment:(ends 11-15-07)
 - Prehospital equipment guidelines for ambulance providers and first responders.
 - ED guidelines for care of the pediatric patient.
- The public comment period for the EMS portion of CEMSIS will be going to the EMS Commission in December 2007 (the data dictionary). Once approved, EMSA will be asking for volunteer participation from the LEMSAs.
- The trauma portion of CEMSIS is currently out for public comment and will close on 11-27-07.
- EMSA continues to have an open exam for positions at EMSA. See EMSA's website for details.

Disaster

- **CA Medical Volunteers-** Formally known as ESAR-VHP. The intent is to pre-register medical volunteers to be used in a disaster. The system would verify credentials and make sure those credentials were unencumbered. The website to sign up is at: www.medicalvolunteer.ca.gov. EMSA is currently registering RNs, paramedics, MDs, and pharmacists. The list will expand in 2-3 months to include more allied health professionals and other professions. The software system has been procured and EMSA is working with the vendor on implementation. In the event of a disaster, the MHOAC would call up volunteers for local disasters. If the disaster goes to the state level, EMSA would

be the agency to activate the volunteers. The system is developing rapidly. An update will be provided at the next C2E2 meeting.

- **Mobile Field Hospitals (MFH)** – EMSA has purchased three mobile hospitals, placed throughout CA. A demonstration was held at this year’s Rough and Ready at Los Alamitos AFB; it was well received.
- **CALMATS** – This system is currently under development. It will be similar to DMATs, but will be a state asset. There are currently three teams in CA; EMSA has purchased caches of equipment.

CA Medical Volunteers- (old ESAR-VHP) - registration system to be a volunteer in state of ca. Only licensed individuals. Eventually can interface with national system for national deployment. Local level- MHOAC activation, state level- EMSA activation. CALMATS are still being developed. Three teams in the state.

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Update-Ginger

Ginger gave a report regarding NREMT. If a state does not follow NREMT curriculum (out of compliance), students will not be able to take the test (EMR/EMT/AEMT/EMT-P). Current statistics show there are 100,140 applications. Testing scores are currently 76% nationwide. Trauma, OBGYN and Pediatrics topics are below standards. Test information goes to South Dakota, and may take a day to be entered into the database. NREMT is looking at simulator skills testing; also looking at rural competency issues. NREMT may be setting up a system for international applicants. There are currently 12,472 testing items in the testing pool. Emphasis on EMR before EMT (building blocks of curriculum), changes with EMR and AEMT. Transition tool boxes are available; not new training, just changed training. NREMT will be assisting states in changing over to new Scope of Practice and standards. Instructor guidelines also available. Task analysis should be available to all LEMSAs in CA (free of charge), since NREMT is a service oriented entity. Sean stated any comments/complaints/issues need to be put

in writing and submitted to EMSA.

National Education Standards Update-Robert (powerpoint presentation)

DAG (Directors Advisory Group) - CA Directors committee- want a seat on the commission (would have to add a seat). Changes are in the works. Two divisions- those that are willing to take risks, and those who are not (not willing to make changes). This is apparent in these standards- we need to get out of our comfort zones. Standards are relatively broad. Research about active learning- degradation of active learning- lack of retention of information. Only 78% of information is retained in first 10 minutes- 22% last 10 minutes. In our bylaws we wrote to support research. Robert would like for us to look at data from our programs- will need to create a data set to analyze. We currently have NREMT scores as well- but those can be subjective. They are less descriptive- based upon scope of practice. NREMT will be re-writing their exams next year. NIMS, HazMat (8 hrs.), 180 hours proposed (currently 120 in CA) is recommended in the standards. With the 180 hour recommendation- CA will likely change the regulations to implement 180 hours. Discussion included: lack of pay for EMTs, A&P prerequisites, two semesters vs. one semester, and a degreed program. Discussed the pros and cons of academy style programs vs. traditional community programs. Discussed program approval processes- point was made that LEMSA staff members assigned to approve programs don't often have an educational back-ground to really look at the programs. LEMSAs do not have any educational authority to analyze tests or curriculum, or if programs meet regulation requirements. Colleges are looking at individual processes for curriculum review and approval.

Development of C2E2 Legislative Committee

This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

Collaboration with Advocates for EMS

This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

C2E2 Bylaws Committee Report- Jim

Dues will be determined when the bylaws are changed. Current dues will remain in place. Bylaws (in draft) are almost finalized. Staggering terms of positions- chairman, vice-chairman (in the case of the vice running for chairman). Ginger passed out copies of latest draft. Ginger went through highlighted changes (see handout).

<p>Consent Calendar:</p> <p>1. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>2. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The Minutes for the July 11, 2007 meeting in Riverside were approved, with one typo change.</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen respectfully submitted the Report for the period of June 30, 2007 to October 1, 2007. There is currently approximately \$331.00 in the savings account and approximately \$2800.00 in the money market checking account. \$334.00 for airfare was paid to Robert for his travel to the Director's Advisory Group in Sacramento.</p>	<p>Kelly Lazarus</p> <p>Elaine Dethlefsen</p>
<p>Round Robin</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Round robin was not conducted due to time allotment.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for January 09, 2008, in Ventura, CA.</p>	